

The Voice

Algona High School

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Clean up Algona

Megan Crosser

This last Wednesday, May 2nd, Algona High school participated in cleaning up Algona along with Bishop Garrigan.

Wednesday was an early out and students cleaned most of the day. At 8:45 there was an assembly with Sheriff Steve Kollasch, Naturalist Billy Willy, and Mayor Lynn Kueck in the gym, talking about what to look for, information about why to give back, and safety tips for the day.

At 9:30, the clean up began. Underclassmen cleaned up with their homeroom and seniors were split up with about 5 to 6 seniors in each homeroom.

After cleaning up their designated areas around town, different businesses and community

members gave back to the students. At 11:30 students met at Central Park for lunch. Students enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and M & M's.

At 12:30 the students gathered back in the gym for a wrap up of the day. They also received awards for unique items found while cleaning. Around 12:45 students were sent to their homerooms for an activity. "I'm glad to help make Algona look beautiful," said, Rachel Feuring.

The students in charge of this activity were Sawyer Brandt and Amanda Bernhard from Algona High, along with Lizzy Hohmeister and Dustin Miller from Garrigan. The community and its animals greatly benefited from this clean up.

No Shoes Day

Micah Lavrenz

On May 9th, students of AHS will not be wearing shoes. This is for the awareness of children in the United States and all over the world who don't have shoes.

Everyone who doesn't want to wear shoes that day is asked to donate at least a dollar. When you walk into the school, someone will be at the door to collect the money. The money raised will be given to the C.A.R.E Team to buy shoes for kids.

The leadership class organized this event and also

sold t-shirts to raise money.

The national day for no shoes was on April 10th, 2012.

TOMS is the organization who first started the day without shoes for the less fortunate children all over the world. In the Philippines, 30,000 people live on a landfill without shoes. They are exposed to all the garbage debris. Helping this cause can help those people live with shoes!

"I'm looking forward to not wearing shoes for a good cause," says Brandee Hockett.

Drake Relays

Dylan Cink

A few members of the boys' and girls' track teams had the honor to run at the Drake Relays in Des Moines. This is a great experience for the track team members because the best track and field athletes from around the world also come to compete in these relays, not just all the high schools in Iowa.

The 4x100 team for the boys included Brandon Garrett, Derek Person, Michael Erpelding, and PJ McMahon. They ended up finishing 21st with a time of 44.09. The 4x100 team for the

girls included Amber Lenz, Tawny Schultz, Courtney Groen, and Chyan Metzger. They finished 59th with a time of 52.30. Michael Erpelding also finished 22nd in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.43. He said, "It was great to get out and compete with the best athletes in the state."

The next time the track teams are at Drake Stadium is during the State track meet. Hopefully a lot more members of the track team will be there!



Above: Lindsay Humble, Brittany Bradford, Nathyn Trenary, Brandon Garrett, and Sonny Davis pose with their unique finds.

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Running towards the victory!

Brandee Hockett

The Algona girls' track meet was in Humboldt on Monday, April 23. The team won the meet with 167.6 points. Jade Simpson, Chyan Metzger, Amber Lenz, and Paige Yi placed 1st in the distance medley relay with a time of 4:25.40. The 4 by 200 meter relay competed with a time of 1:52.92, placing them 1st with the team of Tiffany Long, Chyan Metzger, Ali Grein, and Amber Lenz. In the 100 meter hurdles, Brandee Hockett placed 1st with a time of 16.69. In the 800 meter race, Paige Yi placed 1st with the time of 2:23.4. The sprint medley relay competed with a time of 1:56.83, getting them first with the team of Brandee Hockett, Jacey Thompson, Jade Simpson, and Paige Yi. The 4 by 100 also placed 1st with the time of 52.29 with the team of Amber Lenz, Tawny Schultz, Courtney Groen, and Chyan Metzger.

The track girls also competed in the Forest City meet on Tuesday the 24th. The team won the meet with

204 points. The 4 by 800 meter relay Megann Schmidt, Tatum Meyer, Kyle Klepper, and Rachel Teague placed 1st. In the 400 meter dash, Paige Yi placed 1st with the time of 60.54. The 4 by 200 meter relay placed 1st with the a of 1:51.83 with the team of Amber Lenz, Courtney Groen, Tawny Schultz, and Chyan Metzger. In the 200 meter dash, Paige Yi placed 1st with the time of 27.00. In the sprint medley, Tiffany Long, Jacey Thompson, Katlyn Loeschen, and Beth Benschter with the time of 2:03.31 finished 1st. The 4 by 100 placed 1st with the time of 52.27 with the team of Brandee Hockett, Tawny Schultz, Courtney Groen, and Chyan Metzger. In the 4 by 400 meter relay, Amber Lenz, Rachel Teague, Tany Wiseman, and Paige Yi placed 1st. The girls got first in class A and C.

The next meet is May 1st in Spirit Lake. Madalyn Schattschneider said, "I love running and going to track meets!"



Above: Jade Simpson competes in the high jump contest at Humboldt.

towards Pushin' through the golf season

Katie Riley

The boys' golf team has been quite busy lately with several meets. On Friday, April 20, 2012, the boys participated in a golf meet against Bishop Garrigan. Bishop Garrigan ended up winning the meet with a score of 168 against Algona with a score of 180.

On Saturday, April 21, Eagle Grove, Clarion/Goldfield, Garrigan, Mason City Newman, and Forest City competed at the Algona Tournament. Eagle Grove finished in first with a score of 173. Clarion, finishing with a score of 175, beat Garrigan by one stroke, putting Garrigan into third place with 176. Algona finished in fourth with a score of 179. M.C. Newman finished with 185, putting them in fifth place and beating Forest City who had 186.

On Tuesday, April 24, they had a meet in Fort Dodge against Saint Edmond and Clarion/Goldfield. Saint Edmonds ended up winning with a score of 164. Clarion/Goldfield ended up coming in second with a score of 173, and Algona finished with a score of 178.

On Friday, April 27, the boys had a meet in Webster City against the Webster City Lynx. Algona won with a score of 189. Webster City finished with a score of 191.

On Saturday, April 28, the boys had a tournament in Storm Lake, and the Algona Bulldogs finished the

tournament in tenth place with a score of 363. Two of the top AHS golfers in this tournament were Chris Grether and Jacob Foust

The other recent meets were on Monday, April 30, at Emmetsburg against Emmetsburg and Spencer. Thursday, May 3, was at Clear Lake against Clear Lake and Iowa Falls-Aldean.

On Monday, May 7, there is a meet in Fort Dodge. Jacob Kofoot said, "This is a great sport to participate in. I have a lot of fun practicing and still strive to get better at golf!"

Good luck to all the guys who participate in this sport. We wish you the best of luck in the rest of the golf season!



Above: Sam Lipps aims for the green.

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Girls in full swing!

Sawyer Brandt

Algona girls' golf team is continuing with big swings this year. On April 20th, the girls had a meet against Bishop Garrigan High School. AHS scored 215 and BGHS scored 182, Heather Ziesman led Algona with a 49.

On the 23rd, they traveled to Eagle Grove where they scored 208 and Clarion scored 232, Ziesman led again with a score of 45.

On the 24th they traveled to Clarion-Goldfield to face Clarion and St. Edmonds. Algona scored 205, Clarion scored a 218, and St. Edmonds scored a 218. Ziesman led again with a 45.

Then, on the 27th, they traveled to Webster City where they scored 209 and Webster City scored 228 with Ziesman scoring another 45.

On Monday, the

Dance team is back!

Taylor Setzer

Dance team tryouts were held last week. The girls had a larger group tryout for next year with 16 girls. The hopeful girls practiced all week from 4-6 at night Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the girls had a short practice with tryouts starting at 5.

Only 12 of the girls trying out were given the chance to be on the team. The coach and other judges also selected two alternates to be on the team. The alternates will practice and learn with the team and take the place of any girl in case they

24th, the ladies traveled to Spencer where they faced Emmetsburg, as well as Spencer. The girls scored a 202, Spencer scored 195, and Emmetsburg scored a 197.

There was a co-ed meet on the 2nd, where the golfers were put on boy-girl teams. They alternated boy-girl shots.

The girls travel to Spencer on Saturday, May 5th for a tournament.



Left: Heather Ziesman sinks a putt.

Right: Brandon Garrett and Michael Erpelding push themselves at the Hackbarth Relays.

Goin' strong

Jessica Mueller

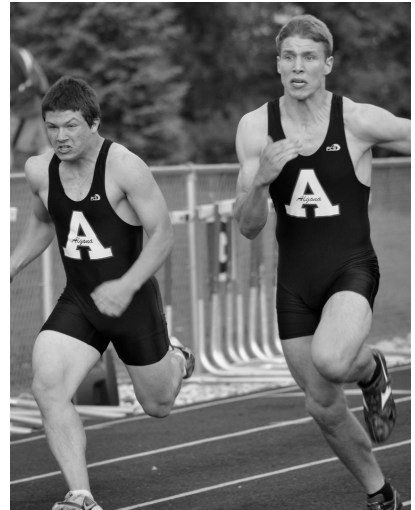
On Friday, April 20th, the boys traveled to Pocahontas for a meet. The boys came out with a victory. Some highlights include: Sam Curtis ran 16.17 in the 110 meter hurdles, Nathan Schmidt with 11.12.37 in the 3200 meter run, and Jeremy Rurup with a 56.10 in the 400 meter dash.

On Tuesday, April 24, the boys traveled to Emmetsburg. It was another victory for the AHS boys' track team! Some highlights are: P.J. McMahon ran 11.66 in the 100 meter dash, and Zach Wiltse ran with 1.02.10 in the 400 meter hurdles. Bo Hjelle finished with a 2.01.90

followed by Peter Hollinger with a 2.17.16 in the 800 meter run. Luke Arrowood jumped 6-02.00 in the high jump.

On Tuesday, May 1st, the AHS boys held the Hackbarth Relays. Thursday, May 3rd, the boys had a track meet against Garrigan.

On May 7th, the boys' track team travels to Humboldt for the NCC championship, which was originally scheduled for Webster City, but was moved due to construction. Josh Thilges says, "I have fun."



Track photos by Jim Gale

2012-2013 Algona High Dance Team Roster

Morgan Goche
Bergen Brown
Bailee Schultz
Ashley Higgins
Brie Walker
Makenzie Pesicka
Mckayla Marchall
Tiyanna Russell
Mckenna Brown
Cassidy Crosser
Madison Goche
Ashlynn Reimers
Alternate - Madison Durant
Alternate - Ashley Wille

Playoff time

Jeremy Black

The playoffs for the NBA began this weekend. The teams from each Conference are vying for a chance to rise above the others and become the NBA champions!

Action began with last year's runners up, the Miami Heat, taking on the Knicks, Dallas facing off against Oklahoma City, and Orlando facing Indiana. The game many watched though, was the Bulls vs. the 76ers. The game was a clean sweep for the Bulls but the biggest highlight came when Derrick Rose, team leader and last year's NBA MVP, was put out for the rest of the

year with a torn ACL.

Overall, the number one seeds in the playoffs are the Spurs of San Antonio and the Chicago Bulls. Both teams hold 1-0 series leads and must win 3 more to advance to the next round as do the other teams in the playoffs. The teams will have to play through two more rounds to get to the finals.

The date of the finals will be determined by how fast the Conference games are done.

To watch the playoffs, check out NBA TV, TNT, ABC, and ESPN.

May 4th

Sawyer Brandt

May 4th is one of 365 days in a normal year, it is the 124th day of the year (125 in leap year). This means there are 241 remaining days in 2012. Some cool facts about this day are:

1910- The Royal Canadian Navy was created.

1912- Italy occupied the Greek island of Rhodes.

1932- Mobster Al Capone began his 11 year prison sentence for tax evasion.

1945- World War II: The North Germany Army surrendered to Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery.

1953- Ernest Hemingway won the Pulitzer Prize for *The Old Man and the Sea*.

1959- The 1st Grammy awards were held.

So get out there and do something great with the 241 days left in the year! Good luck!

With the 1st pick...

Vandy

On Thursday April 27th, young men became media headlines as the NFL Draft got underway. This year was highlighted by big names such as: Ryan Tannehill, Robert Griffin, Justin Blackmon, Morris Claiborne, Matt Kalil, and Andrew Luck.

The top projected picks were Andrew Luck at number one and Robert Griffin at number two. These players are both quarterbacks from good ball teams. Luck, a Stanford elite, was told he would be drafted with the first pick by the Indianapolis Colts who recently released high profile and Super Bowl winning quarterback Peyton Manning. Griffin was to be picked up by the Washington Redskins to become their next high profile quarterback. The 'Skins have been finding targets in the wide receiver area and with the powerful throw of Griffin, the team has a good threat in their division.

Some teams had no idea who to stick with in terms of drafting. The Minnesota Vikings had the number three pick this year and

tried to decide if they needed left tackle Matt Kalil. Kalil, a USC star, had fantastic numbers in the NFL Combine, prompting teams to look closer at him. However, the Vikings decided they would trade their pick down to the number four and gave the three pick to the Browns. After much thought, the Vikings took Matt Kalil at number four.

Some teams knew who they wanted but were skeptical if their man would be made available. The Dolphins got Ryan Tannehill and left the Cleveland Browns in the dust. The Browns, however, drafted Brandon Weeden, quarterback out of Oklahoma, who was taken for the need at his position but, most likely will sit behind Colt McCoy.

If one thing can be known for sure, it is that Thursday was a huge day in the lives of many players. No matter what round they were taken in, it still means they did what they set out to do. You accomplished the dream of a lifetime. Welcome to the NFL kid.

Algona High School Cassens Spotlight

Tashia Lemus

Mrs. Cassens has been teaching English at AHS for 11 years. Before coming to AHS she worked at CWL and New Hampton. Overall she has been teaching for 16 years. When asked what her favorite part of teaching at AHS is, she responded, "I love working with high school students and getting to know them on different levels."

Some advice she has to the graduating class, "Choose a career that you love because your life will be much happier."

Cassens lives in Humboldt and has two daughters, MacKenzie, 12,



and Morganne, 8. Cassens has been married to her husband, James, for 14 years. During the summer James and Lisa enjoy taking motorcycle trips to places like ABATE and Sturgis. This summer they are hoping to go to Colorado. She also enjoys hanging by the pool with her daughters. During her free time during the school year she corrects papers. Make sure you say "hello" to her in the halls.

Senior spotlight

Jackie Brunow

Brandee Hockett is a senior at Algona High School. She is 18 years old and lives in Algona. Brandee was born in Spencer in 1993. Her parents are Jeanne Thilges and Paul Hockett. She has one sister, Kaylee, and two half brothers, Jon and Spencer. She works as a CNA at the West Bend Care Center.

She is a four year letterwinner in track. She loves doing hurdles in track. Brandee has been to State three years and is planning on going again this year. She also participated at Drake last year in the 4 by 100 meter relay.

In Brandee's free time she likes to hang out with her friends and work.



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Hope and homeless youth

DJ Throckmorton

Last week, April 23-27th, in support of the International Day of the Street Child, AHS hosted a personal care products drive to help homeless kids get off the streets and into school.

AHS students and staff were asked to make a donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs/brushes,

shampoo, bar soap, or deodorant to help children in third world countries. All donations were to be made by April 30, 2012.

AHS worked in conjunction with Central Financial Group of Algona in helping this cause.



Above: Students pose on the equipment at Central Park after cleaning up Algona.

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The Five-Year Engagement

Janet Hofmann

Jason Segel and Emily Blunt portray a couple, Tom and Violet, respectfully, who show the journey and obstacles between getting engaged and finally getting married. The movie is set in two completely different areas: San Francisco and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

This movie ties together the humor Jason Segel always brings to a movie, with Emily Blunt's sophisticated acting. It has its funny moments, but *The Five-Year Engagement* tends to drag at some points.

Thankfully, *The Five-Year Engagement* is not your typical wedding comedy about the problems a couple goes through during the ac-

tual event. However, it still follows the typical romantic comedy timeline; the couple gets together, goes through hard times, break up, spend some time apart, then get back together to wrap up the movie with the typical happy ending.

If you're looking for a good laugh, this movie is a good weeknight flick. If you're looking for a change of pace in the movie setting, you won't find it here. When asked on how he thought the movie was, Sam Curtis said, "It was decent."

The Five-Year Engagement is rated R and will be in Algona through at least May 10th.

Greatest TV Show Ever

Zach McKenna

Duck Dynasty is a show on AE which is on every Wednesday at 9. The show is about a family that started out with nothing at all and now they are multi millionaires in the state of Louisiana. They are making all of their money by making items for hunting, but their main item is their duck calls.

The business is run by Willy. He is known as the CEO. He has a brother, Jase,

who just messes around all of the time. Their dad, Phil, doesn't do anything at all; he just hunts and messes around all the time with his brother Si. Si is Vietnam War Veteran who cracks jokes all of the time.

This is the first series of *Duck Dynasty* and will not be the last. Their last show was called "Duck Commander." Brandon Lee says, "It is the greatest show that has ever been on tv."

Deaf horses

Kuleen Parsons

Deaf horses are starting to become more common each year as breeders continue to keep breeding the same genetics. Deaf horses are usually horses with all white faces and the splash white pattern, like the horse has been dipped in a pool of white paint. A horse with an all white face and blue eyes is another indicator that your horse can be deaf. The best thing about owning a horse that is deaf is that they do not spook!

Deaf horses are considered to be the best for trail riding! Training a deaf horse isn't much different than a horse that can hear. When you train a deaf horse, all that is different is that you can't use voice commands and you have to use signals instead. A deaf

horse can perform just as well as a horse that can hear, it just takes more time and patience when you train.

Five years ago, deaf horses were brought to attention at the veterinarian clinic at Auburn University where doctor Allison Stewart took a look at equine deafness in a young colt. The research shows that the deafness is caused by a lack of pigment in the inner ear. They say deafness in dogs and cats is related to horses.

The Deaf Horse Association is rather new but is still there to give you information. You should go on www.deafhorse.com and find out more about deaf horses. Maybe someday you might end up with a deaf horse!



Above: Angel Miller and Zach Trunkhill pick up trash on Give Back day.